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UNIVERSITY BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2009

Attendance:

Matt Rizki, CECS
Linda Ramey, CEHS
Jackie Bergdahl, COLA
Ray Otto, COSM
Ann Stalter, CONH
Rob Kretzer, Director of Transportation and Parking
Vicky Davidson, Assoc. VP for Facilities Planning and Development
Jeff Trick, Director, Physical Plant
Marian Hogue, Registrar
Mary Holland, Assoc. Registrar
Dave Bukovinsky, Chair, Parking Advisory Committee
Joel Parker, Student Government

Call to Order □

The meeting commenced at 2:00 PM.

Reports and Discussion

Report on parking

Rob Kretzer, Director of Transportation and Parking reported on the status of parking on main campus during the initial weeks of Fall Quarter 2009. Parking and Transportation used the Nutter Center lot for overflow parking for the first 2 weeks of the quarter. During a peak period 294 cars were parked in the Nutter Center lot and an additional 178 cars parked in the Meijer's parking lot. Parking and Transportation contacted Meijer's to verify that they would allow students to park in their lot. Meijer's management stated that they would allow this activity as long as the students did not park in front of the store. The majority of cars are now parked in Lot 4, but there are still approximately 100 cars regularly parking in the Meijer's parking lot. Although the normal campus bus route includes the Nutter Center parking areas, an additional bus / driver was used for 3 weeks to accommodate the extra passenger load at a cost \$8K.

The increased enrollment created an extra demand for student parking (C) permits. Parking and Transportation suspended sale of C permits and added a new category of student permit that allows student to park in Lot 20 or on main campus after 2 PM.

After discussion, the B&GC asked Rob Kretzer for an analysis of the potential impact of further increases in enrollment on parking. Specifically the committee requested a cost analysis of three options (a) parking additional cars at remote locations and busing students to main campus (2) building new surface lots within walking distance of campus and (3) building a parking structure.

Hybrid Parking Spaces

Concerns were raised about the creation of a special class of parking spaces for energy efficient vehicles. Vicki

Davidson explained that these spaces were created to earn “points” needed for LEEDS certification of the Diggs Science Building. The committee expressed concern that the faculty was not consulted prior to the creation of these special spaces.

Capital Plan

Vicki Davidson presented the proposed six-year capital plan to the committee noting that it is not clear whether the State of Ohio will provide any funds for capital improvements during the next biennium. After reviewing the plans Matt Rizki suggested replacing the item in the 2013-2014 biennium labeled “Auditorium Construction” with a project title “Classroom Building.” The committee formally approved this change and recommended that this item be brought to the Senate for formal approval.

Report on Classroom Lighting

Matt Rizki reported on the results of meetings with members of UCOF and UBGC that took place in September to evaluate proposed changes in the lighting in classrooms. Jeff Trick explained that replacing 32W bulbs with new energy efficient 25W bulbs would produce a 32% energy savings without reduction in the quality of lighting the classrooms. During the tour the faculty was asked to evaluate the need for dimmable lights in classrooms and the consensus was that there is no need for (continuously) dimmable light fixtures. The faculty does need adjustable lighting that allows reducing the light level in discrete increment at the front of the room and within the classroom to facilitate the use of projection equipment. The UBGC recommended that the Physical Plant proceed with the replacement of light fixtures in classroom.

Energy / Cost Saving Information Campaign

The committee asked Linda Ramey and Jeff Trick and for an update on the Energy Conservation Information Contest. Linda Ramey indicated that they were having some difficulty moving this project forward. Joel Parker indicated that Student Government would be willing become more involved in this task.

Update on Classrooms and Scheduling

Marian Hogue and Mary Holland reported that even with the significant increase in enrollment that occurred this year the registration / classroom assignments went very well. Marian Hogue also noted that the university is in the progress of upgrading some classroom facilities across campus including the replacement of the remaining chalk blackboards and some older whiteboards in Fawcett Hall and Oelman Hall.

Announcements and Requests

Matt Rizki requested that the committee review the faculty constitution and suggest changes in the formal charge of the committee for quadrennial review and be prepared to discuss the CFP classroom report at the next meeting of the building and grounds committee.

Adjourn

Future Meetings

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM, October 9, 2009 in 499 Joshi